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Mr. Evans,

On 12 January we received a House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA) request for documents under a cover memo from OLC. OLC had assigned action to us on items #23, 30, 31, 34 and 35. In subsequent conversation with OLC I suggested that DDO be assigned the action on items 29, 30 and 34. OLC agreed.

Item #31 (Post-assassination communications between former DCI Dulles and the CIA) is very broad since it covers all correspondence for the period 1963 through early 1969 when Mr. Dulles died. I reviewed the shelf list on the Dulles files in ER custody and identified those files that fell in the November 1963-January 1969 period. I briefly reviewed those files and found nothing that appeared to be of interest to the HSCA. They do not contain a file on the Warren Commission. The files do contain copies of correspondence between AWD and the Agency and therefore I have made a brief summary of the files and attached it at Tab A. I then did a search of ER indices for material in Executive Registry files either received from AWD or addressed to him for the same period. Copies of extracts of this material are included in Tab A.

On item #35(Preparations for DCI/McCone's appearance before the Warren Commission) I reviewed the shelf list on the McCone files in ER custody and then recalled individual files which fell into the 1963-64 period. The McCone files do not contain a file on the Warren Commission. I did not find any material concerning preparations for DCI McCone's appearance before the Commission. I did find a transcript of a 12 May 1964 telephone conversation between DCI/McCon and Mr. Rankin, General Counsel for the Committee on Assassination asking the DCI to appear before the Committee the following week. A copy is attached at STAT Tab B. Also at Tab B are two miscellaneous memorandums which might be of

interest. I am told by old-hands(Walter Elder and that OGC handled the Agency contact with the Commission so they would propably be the best bet.

I have also reviewed the Executive Registry files on the Warren Commission and on the Garrison investigation. They contain nothing on the preparation of the DCI for his appearance before the Commission however they are available in ER if you wish to see them.

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All of the files summarized below are from the Dulles files (ER Job 77-161)

Envelope labeled "Dulles Papers-for CIA files Only" contains a miscellaneous assortment of materials, for 1964 and 1965, including Agency correspondence. (Box 9)

Folder labeled "Dulles, Allen W. - CIA and other miscellaneous documents and correspondence." Material covers the period 1953 to 1966... and contains a miscellaneous assortment of material including Agency correspondence. (Box 14)

Folder labeled "Miscellaneous papers about which I doubt." Files covers 1964 to 1968 and contains mostly material on applicant requests for AWD help in obtaining Agency or other government employment. (Box 14)

Seven folders of material consisting mostly of correspondence between AWD formerly of CI Staff. It appears to be mostly about various books and articles. ER received this material from the CI Staff in 1977 and incorporated it into ER's Dulles files. (Box 15)

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TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN DCI AND MR. RANKIN, GENERAL COUNSEL OF COMMITTEE ON THE ASSASSINATION 12 May 1964

2:50 PM returned DCI's call

R: if ;you'd be so good as to appear personally before the Commission

and testify very briefly.

DCI: Yes, I'll do that.

R: Now, all they want to deal with is the question of your knowledge about Oswald being an agent or informer or anything of that character. They also would like to deal with your knowledge of any conspiracy, either domestic or foreign and that kind of thing. We are going to have Edgar Hoover on Thursday at nine to deal pretty much with the same thing. I think we might also ask, Mr. McCone, a little bit about the question of security precautions for the President that you might suggest in a very general way, things that might have occurred to you. I;m sure you know the

President is very sensitive about that area for himself. That is, he thinks that sometimes it's just an interference with things he'd like to do.

DCI: Well, all Presidents think that. President Eisenhower used to complain about that all the time and so did Kennedy.

R: And since this testimony is all going to be made public, I thought you might want to keep that in mind. You will have some thoughts about possibly in the domestic area or in the foreign are a or both, in that regard, that they would like to have from you.

DCI: Alright, I'd be glad to come up.

R: Would 10:30 or 11:00 on Thursday be at all convenient.

DCI: Sure, that's be fine.

R: Which would you prefer?

DCI: Well, I'd prefer 10:30, I have a 12:30 luncheon. You have Mr. Hoover at 9:00/

R: I think that we should be well out of the way by then.

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R: Fine.

DCI: Where is this, Mr. Rankin?

R: 200 Maryland Avenue, NE and it's cater-cornered from the Supreme Court Building, it's the Veteran's Foreign War Building on the fourth floor. It's a white marble building...

DCI: I'll find it.

R: If you have any questions about anything that occurred to you beforehand and you want to ask me, don't hesitate to call me.

DCI: Should I come alone or do you want me to bring somebody with me?

R: Whatever your pleasure.

DCI: I see.

R: It makes no difference as far as the Commission...

DCI: I'll tell you what I'll do. I will bring with me the man that's been principally involved in answering any questions that you've had. I know you've had some.

R: And if something occurs to you why we'll just let; you go off the record and ask him if there's something that; you don't feel that you could answer yourself and you want to get a little refreshing from him.

DCI: Alright, fine. I'll be there. Tell me, how are you getting along with this Buchannan matter?

R: Well, we've been debating that over here and we're quite unhappy with that fellow. I got a note today saying that in the preface to his London edition he says that he talked w this over with someone in the Co mmission and that the entire text of his report is has been filed in Washington with the Commission. He's apparently trying to give some respectability to it in that way. Some of the X Commission think that we should call him, some think that it would just advertise him if we do.

DCI: I realize that, and you're always up against that problem of dignifying a book or report; however, I was rather distrubed at a discussion I had a week ago with

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